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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Jorge A. Morando

For : JET COLUMN AND JET COLUMN REACTOR DROSS REMOVING DROSS DILUTING PUMPS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated April 2, 1999. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

22. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for displacing molten metal in a metal bath comprising a generally U-shaped conduit comprised of ceramic, graphite, stainless steel, temperature resistant alloy, or mixtures thereof, said U-shaped conduit including a first leg having an inlet opening, and a second leg having an outlet opening, the second leg having a longitudinal axis wherein a gas receiving opening and the outlet opening lie generally on said longitudinal axis.

Please cancel claim 23.

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